

Report of the Officers
OF THE
TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN,

For the year ending March 1st, 1879.

Report of the Selectmen.

The Town at the annual meeting in March, 1878, voted to raise these sums.

For State tax.....	\$ 2,836 00
County tax.....	3,156 72
Schools.....	2,400 00
Roads and bridges.....	1,000 00
Town officers.....	800 00
Paupers.....	800 00
Interest on town debt.....	1,800 00
Incidentals.....	600 00
Cemeteries.....	200 00
Highways.....	2,000 00

\$ 15,592 72

Selectmen added, 701 67

\$ 16,294 39

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

in account with George Olcott, *Treasurer.*

Cr.

Balance March 1, 1878,.....	\$ 1,523 35
J. L. Mc Crae, town farm.....	16 48
Borrowed on town notes.....	4,117 00
5 per cent. town bonds sold.....	30,000 00
Interest " "	17 37
Edward Cooley, rent of store.....	115 00
Showmen's license.....	25 00
County paupers.....	516 43
Railroad tax.....	433 48
Savings Bank tax.....	2,076 04
Literary fund	98 79
Town Histories, sold.....	24 00
Horace Hull collector of taxes 1876,	296 86
H. B. Viall, administrator, taxes 1874,	62 94
B. Whipple, dog taxes, 1877,.....	142 00
" collector taxes, 1877..	296 77
H. B. Niall, dog tax, 1878,	110 00
" collector taxes, 1878,	7,788 93
" interest "	26 16
Hope hill cemetery.....	3 52
School Dist. No. 6, in Claremont..	5 54
C. C. Kimball, insurance refunded..	18 50
	<hr/> \$ 47,714 16

Dr.

Paid for schools.....	2,464 78
for Roads and bridges.....	732 41
for Town paupers.....	227 83
County Paupers,	484 78
Town Farm.....	457 05
Cemeteries.....	160 69
Town debt.....	39,238 31
Town officers.....	706 60
Incidentals	2,265 39
Sheep killed by dogs.....	145 00

\$ 46,882 84

Balance due the town, 831 32

\$ 47,714 16

School Money.

Paid George S. Bond, Dists. 2 and 3,		178 00
" " "		60 00
" " "		412 00
Henry J. Dinsmore, Dist. 14,		61 00
Ephraim Hill,	" 8,	36 00
R. W. Piper,	" 1,	56 00
Orren E. Fiske,	" 9,	70 00
Wilbur B. Quimby,	" 4,	60 00
E. F. Hubbard,	" 5,	55 00
N. B. Sherman,	" 13,	50 00
Richard R. Robertson,	" 6,	79 00
Michael Hearn,	" 11,	41 00
Henry C. Johnson,	" 7,	40 00
W. B. Quimby,	" 4,	43 00
H. C. Johnson,	" 7,	40 00
Michael Meaney,	" 10,	28 17
E. F. Hubbard,	" 5,	60 00
George S. Bond,	" 2 & 3, Swan fund,	20 00
" " 2 & 3,		277 44
Henry J. Dinsmore,	" 14,	60 00
Orren E. Fiske,	" 9,	40 00
R. W. Piper,	" 1,	35 00
Oren E. Fiske,	" 9,	64 52
Richard R. Robertson,	" 6,	104 49
N. B. Sherman,	" 13,	70 71
Wilbur B. Quimby,	" 4,	111 87
R. W. Piper,	" 1,	22 80
Ephraim Hill,	" 8,	77 54
E. F. Hubbard,	" 5,	99 87
Lewis Lane,	" 15, Claremont,	22 53
Lewis H. Colby,	" 6,	11 26
H. C. Johnson,	" 7,	77 58

 \$ 2,464 78

Roads and Bridges.

Paid P. A. Evans, labor,	\$ 5 00
W. M. Holden, labor,	1 50
S. H. Grinnell, roads and bridges, 1877,	3 00
Samuel Putnam, breaking roads,	11 10
Alvah C. Way, labor,	1 50
Ephraim Hill, " "	6 50

W. C. Hobart, work and lumber,	46 72
Albert H. Heywood, breaking roads,	5 00
Henry C. Cooley, labor,	3 00
Henry J. Dinsmore, repairing bridge,	2 00
R. W. Piper,	3 13
Ephraim Hill, labor,	77 00
J. L. Mc Keen, for road scraper,	125 00
Ira M. Perry, timber for bridge,	7 00
Albert L. Lane, bridge plank,	14 79
Thomas Lyons, labor,	1 80
Michael Meany, "	3 00
Metcalf & Hamlin, plank, &c.,	18 47
R. W. Robertson, plank,	17 78
Henry L. Frost,	3 87
Henry J. Dinsmore,	8 50
Charles Willard, plank,	7 00
Abel Hunt, labor,	4 50
Lewis Lane, "	6 50
Metcalf & Hamlin, plank,	23 22
Lucian Lane, gravel,	4 00
Daniel George, watering trough,	2 00
Dexter Bradford, labor on bridge,	9 00
Ephraim Hill, " "	27 00
Riley Goodell, " "	25 50
Ephraim Hill, " "	3 00
Charles Gay, " "	3 73
N. L. Adams, " "	4 60
E. H. Putnam, timber,	3 00
S. J. Demary, labor and timber,	4 00
George W. Heywood, labor,	9 50
Henry J. Dinsmore, labor and gravel,	17 72
E. Magrath, labor,	8 02
William Putman, labor,	10 26
Ephraim Hill, "	18 00
John Wood, "	1 00
Watson J. Walker, labor,	6 37
Squire G. Smith, watering trough,	2 00
P. O'Lary, labor,	50
George W. Heywood, labor,	22 21
A. D. Hull, "	16 78
Eugene Smith, "	75
R. W. Robertson, "	5 50
Ephraim Hill, "	10 00

James S. Putnam, breaking roads,	5 33
Aaron Clark, labor,	3 00
George H. Powers, labor and gravel,	12 75
E. F. Hubbard, watering trough,	2 00
Hiram Smith, gravel,	10 90
John W. Taylor, labor,	25 20
B. W. Putman, gravel,	5 00
William Hamlin, watering trough,	2 00
S. H. Grinnell, right of way,	3 00
George Lamb, labor,	6 05
H. C. Johnson, “	4 00
Robert Jaseph, “	1 50
Riley Goodall, breaking roads,	19 20
Metcalf & Hamlin, plank,	7 16
Brooks Kimball, watering trough,	2 00
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	\$ 49 91

Town Paupers.

Paid Richard Landon, Mrs. Kennedy,	\$ 3 00
M. J. Chamberlin, Strickland family,	15 00
“ “ “ “	12 00
James A. Hunt, for Gregg,	2 00
M. J. Chamberlin, Strickland family,	12 00
H. C. Ellenwood, A. Gregg,	18 50
M. J. Chamberlin, Strickland family,	15 00
“ “ “ “	12 00
C. C. Ellis, doctor's bill, Gregg's,	12 50
M. J. Chamberlin, Strickland family,	15 00
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“ “ “ “	15 00
“ “ “ “	12 00
J. A. Hunt,	7 50
M. J. Chamberlin, Strickland family,	12 00
S. J. Demary, Mrs. Carpenter,	2 23
Frank Wood, Mrs. Jones,	12 00
M. J. Chamberlin, Strickland family,	12 00
D. G. Stoughton, fare for Ed. Thompson,	3 80
Charles Gay, tramps,	2 80
N. G. Brooks, doctor's bill, Gregg,	7 50
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	\$ 227 83

County Paupers.

Paid N. H. Ayslum, R. Heywood,	31 14
W. H. Labaree, Derby & Harris,	39 50
E. H. Tidd, Mrs. Harris,	4 87
D. G. Stoughton, car fare,	3 65
W. H. Labaree,	6 00
" "	12 00
" "	15 00
" "	7 50
L. H. Royce, John Travis,	15 33
" " Mrs. Mullen,	4 45
" " Mrs. Harris,	3 79
F. S. Barbour, "	5 10
W. H. Labaree,	3 00
"	6 00
J. A. Hunt, Mrs. Garfield,	1 85
George H. Leet, boarding Lucy Leet,	48 00
Metcalf & Hamlin,	2 20
R. Robertson,	5 00
H. M. Baker, rent for Mrs. Harris,	10 50
W. H. Labaree,	7 50
James Finnegan,	6 20
W. H. Labaree,	6 00
" Mrs. Derby,	6 00
J. P. Bancroft, R. Heywood,	66 88
W. H. Labaree,	7 50
"	6 00
Edward Cooley, Mrs. Mullen v. J. Travis,	14 10
Frank Wood,	22 00
Rufus Heywood, wood for Mrs. Derby,	6 37
Metcalf & Hamlin, A. Chase,	9 95
" " Mrs. Derby,	4 50
R. Robertson, Mrs. Mullen and Derby,	12 00
Geo. H. Leet, boarding Lucy Leet,	31 50
J. P. Bancroft, R. Heywood,	35 94
Eugene Smith,	3 00
Metcalf & Hamlin, A. Chase,	8 46
F. W. Putman, Mrs. Derby,	6 00

 \$484 78

Town Farm.

Paid Charles Sparrow, saddle bill,	\$ 1 25
John L. McCray, bal. for services,	20 18
Metcalf & Hamlin, store bill,	12 46
F. W. Hamlin, saw bill,	15 43
George B. Watson, taking care of Griggs,	7 00
William Putnam, labor,	6 00
Metcalf & Hamlin, store bill,	20 00
L. H. Royce, store bill,	3 69
George W. Parks, services,	40 00
J. A. Hunt, shoes for Miles,	2 00
L. H. Royce, store,	31 64
Lewis Gay, calf and barley,	8 10
R. Robertson, meal,	2 90
George W. Parks, services	50 00
Wesley A. Hunt, meal,	16 30
L. H. Royce, store bill,	25 59
W. A. Hunt, meal,	3 60
George W. Parks, services,	50 00
Edward Cooley, store bill,	2 93
Charles Guy, labor,	17 75
O'Brien & Benware, blacksmithing,	2 65
Cephas Walker, meal,	2 40
George S. Bond, repairs,	4 55
D. W. Parks, blacksmithing,	6 38
George H. Powers, use of pasture,	16 00
Samuel Foss, blacksmithing,	2 10
L. H. Royce, store bill,	4 47
Metcalf & Hamlin, store bill,	54 12
W. H. Labaree, store bill,	1 00
M. C. Millikin, blacksmithing,	14 56
Benj. Whipple, use of pasture,	12 00
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	457 05

Produce sold from the Town Farm during the year,
245.56.

Cemeteries.

Paid Cyrus Blake, labor,	\$10 00
“ “ “	17 00
“ “ “	8 00

Metcalf & Hamlin, lumber,	13	13
Charles Gay, labor,	18	13
W. C. Hobart, "	2	00
Charles Gay, "	8	63
Watson J. Walker, labor,	1	50
George S. Bond, "	2	00
Samuel Foss, "		50
E. H. Tidd, "	1	00
H. C. Ellenwood, " sexton,	54	65
W. F. Merrill, " "	24	15
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	\$160	69

Town Debt.

Paid Samuel Webber, Int. on note, No. 32,	\$	60	00
Eliphalet Bailey, " " " 61,		74	28
Trustees West, Hall & Prouty fund, Int. on note No. 92,		279	00
Helen M. Robertson, note No. 79,		5,233	33
Samuel Neal, Int. on note,		180	00
Conn. River Savings Bank, Int. on notes Nos. 74, 75, 85,		76	66
Benj. Whipple, Int. on note No. 77,		12	00
Sarah G. Whipple, Int. on note No. 76,		14	40
Emeline L. Holton, " " " " 78, 54,		114	00
Sarah P. Hiland, notes Nos. 73, 51,		813	50
Matilda W. Dana, " " 32,		1,020	00
Sarah W. Stone, " " 69,		216	05
John Stone, " " 68,		1,491	80
Silas Stone, " " 70,		257	21
Trustees Cemetery Fund, notes Nos. 84 93,		214	96
Alonzo Jackman, note No. 72,		1,438	73
George S. Russell, notes Nos. 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99,		3,963	79
J. R. Walker, notes Nos. 47, 64,		1,246	06
Eliphalet Bailey, notes Nos. 61, 59, 65,		1,479	47
Emeline L. Holton, notes Nos. 27, 78,		1,913	18
Alzinee E. Bradford, " " 67, 71,		594	83
Samuel Neal, " " 54,		3,041	00
Benj. Whipple, " " 77,		201	67
Sarah G. Whipple, " " 76, 83,		451	66
Conn. River Savings Bank, note,		400	00

Trustees West, Hall & Prouty fund, note	
No. 92,	4,733 70
Joseph B. Russell, note No. 100,	202 11
Nancy Green, " " 80,	196 13
Nancy Tarbell, " " 21,	405 00
Sarah Aldrich, " " 82,	5,242 50
Mary B. Lewis, " " 63,	527 08
Ellen J. Lewis, " " 58,	108 21
Conn. River S. B., " " 74,	257 45
" " " " 75,	869 25
" " " " 85,	1,044 90
George Olcott, coupons on Bonds,	224 40
" " " " "	640 00
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	\$39,238 31

Town Officers.

Paid R. W. Robertson, services as auditor,	\$ 3 00
Abel Hunt, " "	3 00
C. E. Whipple, services,	31 00
C. C. Kimball, services as town clerk,	50 00
George Olcott, " treasurer,	50 00
Isaac Tripp, " constable,	5 00
James Finnegan, " "	35 00
S. P. Osgood, " "	8 00
G. H. Dunlap, " S. S. Committee,	75 00
H. B. Viall, " auditor,	4 50
F. W. Putnam, " "	3 00
H. B. Viall, " collector,	150 00
Charles Gay, " selectman and over-	
seer of poor,	124 10
B. F. Wood, services as selectman,	75 00
S. G. Demary, " "	90 00
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	\$706 60

Incidentals.

Paid Charles L. Hunt, damage,	\$866 14
D. S. Hamlin, town reports,	33 00
James Finnegan, tramps,	23 70
D. S. Hamlin, printing,	6 25
James Finnegan, tramps,	22 50
D. S. Hamlin, printing,	5 75

James Finnegan, tramps,	13 80
William Mann, printing town bonds,	90 90
C. C. Kimball, blanks, etc.,	24 30
James Finnegan, tramps,	14 40
George G. Elwell, abatement of tax,	33 75
J. B. Dinsmore, tramps,	29 50
S. P. Osgood, bounty,	40
Edward Cooley, repairs Town Hall,	35 86
Benj. Whipple, abatement of taxes for 1877,	58 77
Estate of L. S. Fairbanks, abatement,	1 35
G. N. Breed, bounty,	50
S. J. Demary, " paid,	1 30
Charles Gay, " "	6 70
George R. Cushing, bounty,	1 10
George D. Holton, abatement tax,	9 20
Claremont Manuf'g Co., blank orders,	3 40
Timothy Tufts, damage,	175 00
S. Seymour Wilder, damage,	50 00
Mark Lane, bounty,	3 20
Claremont Manuf'g Co.,	1 15
G. H. Chatterton, bounty,	1 00
S. L. Fletcher, on account check list,	8 50
Charles Gay,	2 25
Joseph Burt, care of town clock,	14 00
N. G. Brooks, recording births and deaths,	4 25
Edward Cooley, labor,	1 35
R. Robertson, " and wood,	4 50
J. C. Stebbins, abatement tax,	1 54
Charles Gay, bounty paid,	3 10
E. L. Cushing, services,	15 00
Charles Gay, attendance at court,	5 00
S. J. Demary, " "	6 25
H. B. Viall, abatement of tax, 1874,	32 15
" discount allowed,	490 20
" tramps,	8 80
F. W. Putnam, abatement of tax,	6 16
George W. Hamlin, deposition, etc.,	2 42
George H. Chatterton, bounty,	50
Mark Lane, " "	1 00
Horace Hull, abatement of taxes, '75, '76,	71 86
C. E. Hardy, damage,	4 00
B. F. Wood,	2 25

C. C. Kimball, stationery,	17 01
H. B. Viall, abatement taxes, 1878,	50 38
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	\$2,265 39

Sheep Killed.

Paid John W. Taylor, killed, 1877,	\$ 25 00
N. W. Howard, " "	3 00
Benjamin L. Eaton, " "	5 00
B. F. Wood, " "	6 00
H. H. Darrah, " "	7 50
R. R. Allen, " "	3 00
Harvey E. Royce, " 1878,	4 00
George L. Bond, " "	5 00
George H. Powers, " "	3 00
John W. Taylor, " "	25 00
S. P. Osgood, " "	20 00
Henry Willard, " "	2 00
F. W. Putnam, " "	9 00
George H. Leet, " "	14 00
Mrs. M. W. Hubbard, killed 1878,	3 50
Henry L. Frost, " "	8 00
Francis Cram, " "	2 00
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	\$ 145 00

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

1874.

H. B. Viall collector for 1874 in account with the town of Charlestown.

Dr.

Balance of tax account for 1874,	\$ 114 83
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Cr.

Paid George Olcott, Town Treasurer,	\$ 62 94
In hands of Collector,	51 89
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	\$114 83

Town of Charlestown in account with Benjamin Whipple, Collector.

Cr.

By balance of taxes to March 1878,	400 00
Dog tax, 1878,	142 00
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	\$ 542 00

Dr.

Paid George Olcott, Treas.,	142 00	
“ “ “ “	296 77	
B. W. Putnam's note,	67 24	506 01
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Due to the Town,		35 99

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

1878.

H. B. Viall, Collector, in account with the Town of Charlestown.

Dr.

Tax bills for 1878,	\$ 15,450 66
Interest received,	26 16
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	\$ 15,476 82

Cr.

Paid County Tax,	3,156 72
State tax,	2,836 00
High School,	900 00
Precinct,	124 01
On dog tax,	110 00
School District No. 14,	35 00
Town Treasurer, Interest,	26 16
Town Treasurer,	7,778 93
In hands of Collector,	500 00
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	\$ 15,476 82

Town Indebtedness.

MARCH 1ST, 1879.

Town Bonds, 5 per cent.	\$ 30,000 00
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Assets of the Town.

Town farm	\$ 3,500 00
Personal property,	2,254 14
Town Hall and furniture,	16,000 00
Gravel pit,	100 00
Town safe,	100 00

Two road scrapers,	175 00
George Lynd's note secured by } mortgage,	200 00
In hands H. B. Viall, collec'r 1874,	51 89
“ H. Hull, coll. 1875, 1876,	424 98
“ B. Whipple, coll. 1877,	5 99
“ H. B. Viall, collector 1878,	500 00
171 copies Town History on hand,	250 00
Wood and lumber on hand from } Hope Hill Cemetery,	20 00
	<hr/> \$ 23,612 00
Which if deducted from the town debt }	
would leave a balance of }	6,388 00

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

In account with E. COOLEY, Custodian of Town Hall.

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47 Free Public Meetings,	
70 Meetings paying expenses only,	
19 “ rent,	
<hr/> 136 in all amounting to	\$ 175 30

Dr.

Services as custodian.....	\$ 91 86
163½ Gallons oil.....	32 70
10470 lbs. of coal.....	42 14
One cord of wood, and labor.....	5 00
Setting glass and repairs.....	1 10
Sawdust for town meeting.....	2 50
	<hr/> \$ 175 30
Coal oil and wood on hand.....	12 00
Cost of Free meetings.....	57 50
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	69 50
Cr. by coal oil and wood on hand of 1877,....	15 00
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Net Town hall income.....	\$ 54 50

By request I insert the following Statement, according

to the town reports, of what it cost to take care of the Town hall for each meeting since the new hall was built.

For the year of 1873, it cost.....	\$ 1 50
“ “ 1874, “	3 50
“ “ 1875, “	3 00
“ “ 1876, “	2 00
“ “ 1877, “	91
“ “ 1878, “	67½

EDWARD COOLEY, *Custodian.*

MARCH 1st, 1879.

The Selectmen recommend the raising of the following sums for the ensuing year.

For State tax.....	\$ 2,836 00
County tax.....	2,904 19
Schools.....	2,400 00
Roads and bridges.....	1,000 00
Town officers.....	800 00
Paupers.....	800 00
Interest on Town bonds.....	1,700 00
Incidentals.....	1,200 00
Cemeteries.....	200 00
Highways.....	2,000 00

All of which is respectively submitted,

CHARLES GAY,	}	<i>Selectmen of Charlestown.</i>
BEZER F. WOOD,		
SULLIVAN J. DEMARY,		

We have examined the within accounts and find the same to be correct and properly vouched.

H. B. VIALI,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
ABEL HUNT,		
R. W. ROBERTSON,		

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
For the year ending March 1st, 1879.

DISTRICT No. 1. This school has had two terms the past year. The first, eight and a half weeks long, was successfully taught by Miss Lilla H. Smith. The good order was especially to be commended.

The winter term, of thirteen weeks, was taught by Miss Annie E. Perkins. The incoming of a few of the larger boys proved a disturbing element. Under the circumstances Miss Perkins did as well as could be expected with the school, and, from whatever trouble arose, I, for one, would *entirely* exonerate *her*.

DISTRICT No. 4. The first two terms here were taught by Miss Etta L. Quimby, and were in all seventeen weeks long. Miss Quimby proved herself an experienced and faithful teacher. The deportment and advance of the scholars under her care were both to be commended.

The winter term, of ten weeks, taught by Mr. R. Alexander, was still another of this district's unfortunate experiences. Mr. Alexander made a mistake in a too lax commencement, and, on trying to regain the reins of government, found little sympathy from either scholars or district.

The Register, all through the year, shows a sad lack, both in attendance and punctuality on the part of some.

DISTRICT No. 5. Miss Mabel S. Emery taught the summer term, of nine weeks. The school was not a success, owing to the inexperience of the teacher in regard to the ways and methods of district country schools, rather than lack either of capability or desire to perform her duty.

The next two terms, taught by Mr. Austin Hubbard, were marked by quiet improvement. Still, the standard attained, in respect to *exact* obedience, and acquirement in studies pursued, is

not all that could be desired. It is a good sign that, at the end of the twenty-two weeks Mr. Hubbard taught, there seemed to be a deeper general interest in the welfare of the school than when he began.

DISTRICT No. 6. Mrs. Augusta M. McCrae, an experienced teacher, taught the first term here. It was a pleasant and profitable school of eleven weeks.

The winter term, of ten weeks, was taught by Mr. C. G. Ward. He deserves much credit, together with the scholars, for extra good work done. All who were present, examination day, I know were pleased, not only with accurate, prompt recitations, but with the pleasant appearance of the school-room, to which Mitchell's new fine wall maps were no small addition, together with the tasteful pictures.

DISTRICT No. 7. This district has enjoyed three terms. The first two, of twenty weeks, they employed their old teacher, Miss Rosella Perry, and the school went on quietly, with average success.

The last term, of twelve weeks, has been taught by Miss E. E. Straw. The examination not coming till Feb. 28th, precludes the possibility of a full report, though there is little doubt that it would be favorable in full, as it is up to date.

DISTRICT No. 8. Both terms have been taught by Miss Alma A. Clark, in all twenty-three weeks.

The first term there was some dissatisfaction, arising from method of discipline.

The second term there has been no trouble, and, on the part of those attending, there has been good and thorough progress. However, the school has been but about half attended. Some were dissatisfied with the change of time of school to the winter. Wherever the root of the difficulty lies, it is to be hoped, for the good of the young, who need not less, but *more* educational advantages, that it will be speedily removed.

DISTRICT No. 9. The first two terms, of eighteen weeks, with Miss Angie M. Hayward as teacher, passed pleasantly; also, the last, eleven weeks in length, taught by Mr. D. G. Clark.

DISTRICT No. 10. This school is very small in number of scholars, but the improvement they made of their short, six weeks term, in a private house, under the teaching of Mr. Thomas Lyons, is especially praiseworthy.

DISTRICT No. 11. This school is a little backward, but the terms this year have passed very pleasantly. The first, of ten weeks, was taught by Miss Lucia Adams; the second, twelve weeks long, by Miss Angie M. Hayward. The district owe this school a little more attention and interest.

DISTRICT No. 12 had no school.

DISTRICT No. 13. The two terms here have been taught by the same teacher, Miss L. E. Dole, with average success. The scholars here might excel, but, to do it, must develop a little keener appetite for hard, accurate study. Length of terms—nine, and eleven weeks.

DISTRICT No. 14. The two terms, ten weeks each, were taught by Miss Cora B. Heywood. This was her first experience, and the first term seemed a perfect success. The second was not quite so satisfactory. Through a failure to notify the Committee of the close of the school, he was not in the last of the term, and cannot speak, as he would like, from personal observation, of the advance, and quality of work done.

Districts, Nos. 2 and 3, have not come under my personal supervision, and will need no report from me to be fully represented in all their excellence. The bearing of our High School, though, on the educational interests of the town, is most important. There is not a family in the town but that should have an interest in its welfare. Its prosperity the past year only shows what it might be made, under generous treatment.

This is the place for Charlestown parents to educate their children, and fit their district school teachers for the work needed to be done. A live school here will react in many ways on all, and is the only true economy in these hard times.

In conclusion, I will suggest but a few thoughts more. Were I to follow this work another year, I should endeavor, in some way, to bring together for practical consultation the teaching talent of the town. A little more concert of action, even in our district schools, and at the cost of some labor, would be a decided benefit. No teacher should esteem it a hardship to meet thus at some central place to discuss ways and methods, and gain the advantages of comparison and acquaintance with those following the same work.

There is the same old lack not only of uniformity of text-books, but of selection of the best *now* to be had. In this line, there is

an urgent demand for a wholesome change. Parents may think old books are just as good, but there have been as decided improvements in tools in this line as in mowing and reaping.

The oft-repeated charge that parents do not visit the schools enough, is still true. I hope the town will not be obliged to print this statement another year, for it does not pay, in more ways than one.

If there is any one branch I would mark as too much neglected in all our district schools, it is composition writing. Speaking too, with that drill that lends expression and enjoyment, is too generally confined to the last day. Neatness, too, in doing work, both upon the board and slate, in its influence on general habit, should be a little more rigidly enforced.

Thanking both teachers and parents, so far as we have come in contact, for their kindness and courtesy throughout the year, I would respectfully present to my fellow townsmen and townswomen, this my first and last report.

GEORGE H. DUNLAP.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Superintendent of Village Schools,

CHARLESTOWN, N. H.



I have the honor to submit the annual report of Schools in Districts Nos. 2 and 3 for the year ending Feb. 1879.

A tabular statement cannot at present be given, as the schools are still in session, yet some mention must be made of them in the Town Report.

It is not too much to say that our four village schools are in a very satisfactory condition, which is due to the harmony and combined efforts of all interested, yet the real sources of success have been the industry, perseverance and devotion of the teachers to their work.

The Primary Schools

taught by Mrs. Putnam and Miss Grinnell have been steadily improving; each term showing greater progress than the preceding one.

In these schools what is learned, is learned, so that a firm foundation of a good education is being laid.

The recitations in Mental Arithmetic have given me great pleasure. The combinations of numbers once fixed in the mind, last during life.

I have visited the same grade of schools in Boston and can truly say, that in Mental Arithmetic and Spelling, they are not in advance of our North and "South Primary Schools."

The Grammar School

taught by Miss Perham, I consider an ornament to the village.

You will hear no slovenly recitations in this room, and the remark, "Make your answer perfect," is worthy of imitation by all teachers. Of course the scholars in this school are old enough to

realize that if they are ever to enter the "High School," good lessons and good school manners alone can accomplish it. Therefore all who do not wish to spend their school days in this room, manifest a very laudable ambition.

This school requires very firm discipline. Your present teacher is equal to the task.

The High School

taught the past year by Mr. L. V. Haskell, has taken rapid strides in moral and intellectual improvement, and there was plenty of room for the work. You all know that, for various good reasons, this school was entirely demoralized, consequently in a very poor condition. It was only "High" in name. The scholars have not only done themselves great credit by "turning over a new leaf," but by a whole volume of leaves.

It is gratifying to observe the respect and confidence which they have shown their teacher. It proves that they are learning other lessons than those within the lids of their books.

A word to parents and citizens.

While the teachers have been faithful to their duties, have we not allowed "the little foxes to creep into the vineyard" and do much mischief? I refer to the many entertainments during the winter in which we have not only *permitted*, but *invited* the children and young folks to join us. So many "good times" injure a good school and entirely ruin a poor one.

Let us hereafter, when we wish to have the scholars take part with us, appoint our entertainments during school vacations. Then it cannot be said of us, "You place obstacles in the way of your own success."

Mothers! when you are asked to have your son or daughter engage in any outside recreations, please answer No! This is perhaps the last year that my children will ever attend school and no pleasures must interfere with their best progress.

To the Prudential Committee for 1879.

I have always been told that it is a good time to give advice when one is asked to do so. I must anticipate a little in this case.

Our four teachers seem exactly qualified for the posts they occupy, and it would be very much to our advantage if their services could be procured for another year.

THE ROLL OF HONOR

Containing the names of pupils who have been neither tardy nor absent during the year.

North Primary taught by Mrs. Putnam. Ida Butterfield, Lottie Blanchard, Willie Corbin, Charles Hutchins, Rena Randall, Ralph Randall, Ella Richardson, Josie Williams, John Jones. Edith Snow was absent $2\frac{1}{2}$ days on account of sickness.

South Primary taught by Miss Grinnell. William Ames, George Blake, Sarah Gibson, Mary Lynch. Absent a few days on account of sickness, *Lila Willard, Sarah Miler, John Judkins, Thomas Davis, Patrick Davis.

Grammar School taught by Miss Perham. Ella Breed, Louie Dunsmoor, Ida Hutchins, Maggie Lynch, Lizzie Morris, Maggie Marony, Lizzie Miller, George Orea, Flora M. Stoughton.

In closing, I would thank the Chairman of Prudential Committee, the teachers and pupils for the courtesy and kindness shown me during the year I have tried to assist in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY M. DARRAH,

Superintendent of Village Schools,

Charlestown, Feb. 1879.

* The last five mentioned were absent only a few days.

State of New Hampshire.

L. S. To the inhabitants of Charlestown, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday the 9th day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, for the maintenance of the poor, for laying out and repairing highways, building and repairing bridges, and for the necessary charges arising within the town.

Article 4. To hear reports of Agents or Committees and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote the use of the Town Hall to the Charlestown Temperance Reform Club once in four weeks during the year free of expense to the club.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to give the use of the Town Hall to the Charlestown Quadrille Band eight nights during the year free of expense to the Town.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding fifty dollars to be expended in dividing the water running from the Geer spring, putting the watering trough in repair and authorizing the selectmen to appoint a committee to carry the same into effect.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to allow the sale of Lager Beer and Cider in said town.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to establish a High School District in said town, and take any necessary action in regard to existing school district in connection therewith.

Article 10. To determine what portion of the school money shall be apportioned under the provision of the law for the support of such High School.

Article 11. To raise and appropriate such sum in addition to the school money as shall be expedient for the support of such High School.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to adopt as text books to be used in its public schools for the term of five years, all or any part of the text books now authorized by the school committee to be used in its public schools.

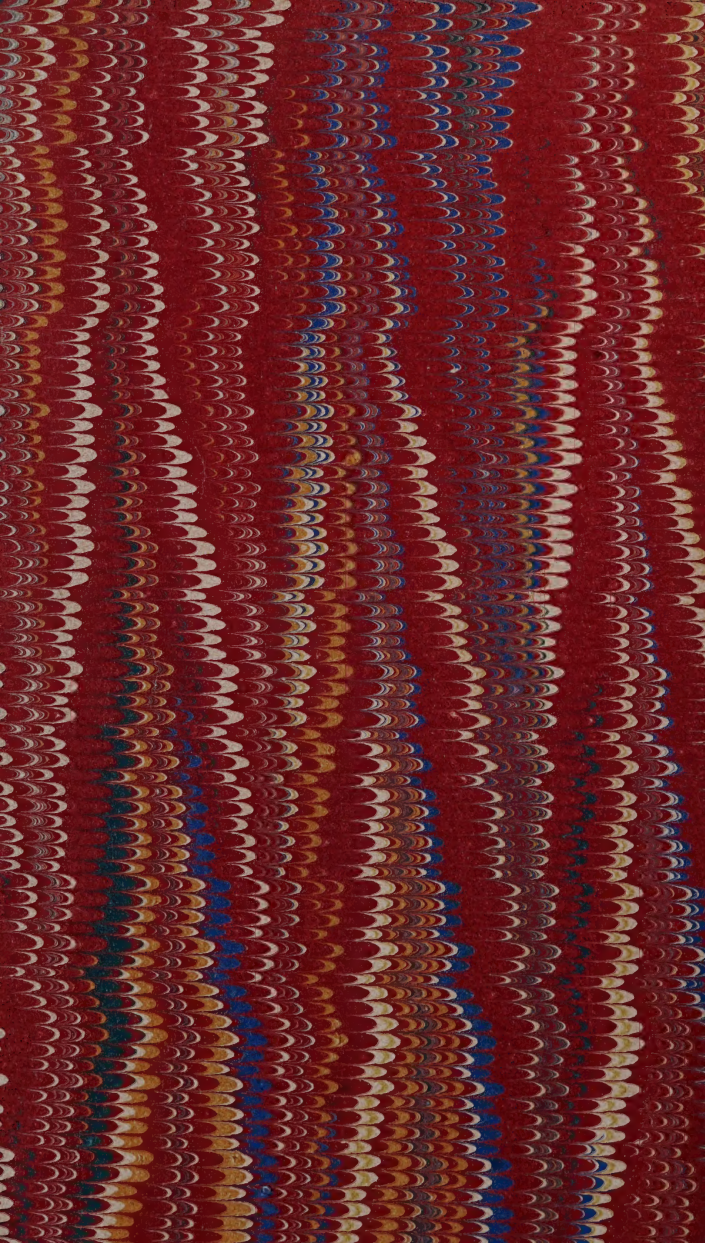
Article 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the fire department.

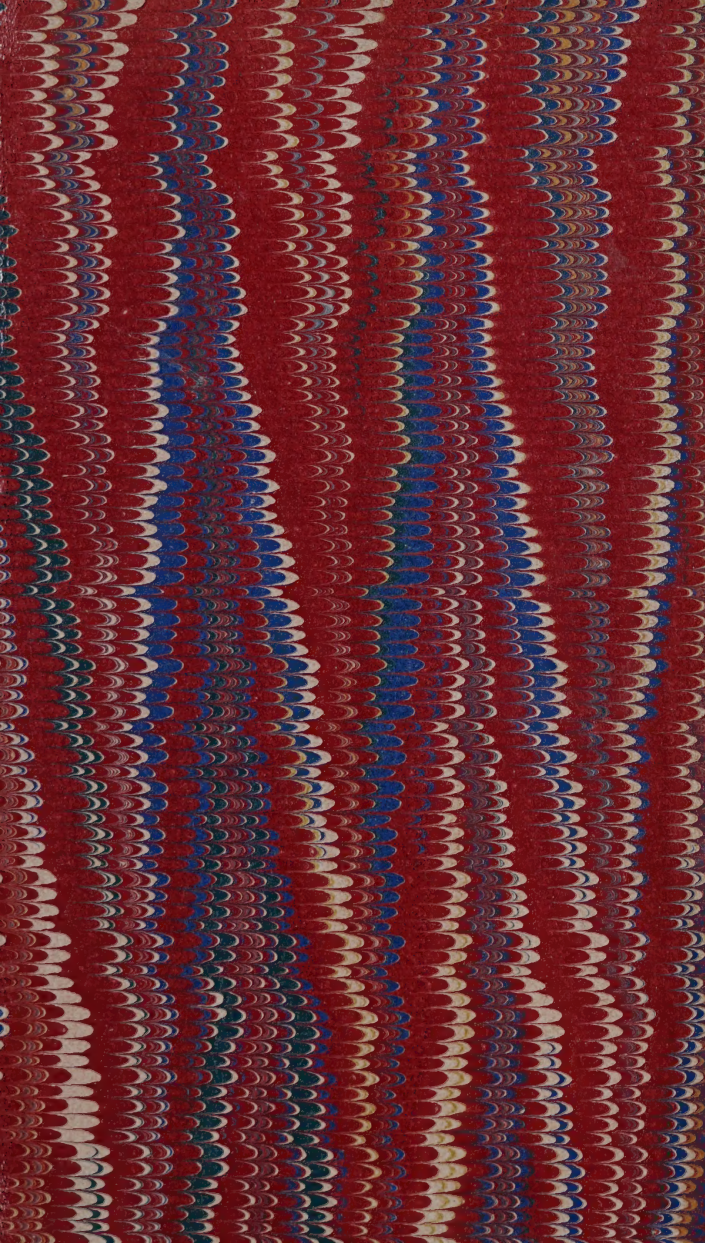
Article 14. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of side-walks in the village.

Article 15. To see what discount the town will make on taxes paid before a specified time.

Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of February
A. D. 1880.

CHARLES GAY,	}	Selectmen of Charlestown.
SULLIVAN J. DEMARY,		
JOHN W. TAYLOR,		





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